

ABSTRACT: A method for efficiently enabling and managing telephone number portability based on a three step process that is adaptable for use in wireline to wireless, wireless to wireless, new wireless, and sale or auction transactions of portable phone numbers. A three step process consisting of (1) the validation of a buyer or seller of a portable number, (2) the actual purchase process of obtaining or selling a portable number, and (3) the transport process of delivering a compatible phone and carrier plan to a purchaser is described.

Additionally the three processes of the broad method are described in detail for both sellers and buyers which to sell or purchase portable phone numbers taking into consideration such factors as phone compatibility, carrier requirements, fees, and outstanding balances associated with portable numbers that are for sale. A sale or auction format for selling or purchasing portable numbers is also described.